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Governor Otero issued a proclamation on the 17th inst., requesting all patriotic citizens to fittingly observe Tuesday 30th, 1899 as memorial day.

The editor of the Jeffersonian Democrat announces that he has information from authentic sources that Thos. B. Reed will be the candidate of the anti McKinley forces for the Republican nomination for the presidency next year.

The desire of the American people to honor Admiral Dewey is commendable, but it is unfortunate that this laudable desire should take the form of a money consideration. We do not believe Dewey will endorse the scheme to build him a palace by popular subscription.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation by the graduating class of '99 of the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, to attend their commencement exercises on May 31st, at Mesilla Park. The class consists of Edward James Coe, Walter Edwin Holt and John Dabney Tinsley.

The industrial colony of southern negroes, which is shortly to be established on Long Island, near New York city, will be watched with much interest. Although no white person is to be allowed to live within the limits of the colony, the factories which are to furnish work for the colonists will be owned by whites.

Las Vegas has secured the first annual reunion of the Rough Riders. It was proposed to have the reunion two days in Las Vegas and two days in Albuquerque, but Albuquerque generously withdrew conceding to Las Vegas the meeting. The date has been set for June 24th. Governor Roosevelt and his staff will be present. Free entertainment will be given to all Rough Riders.

I once knew a man who was farming several sections with a dozen hired men. When he could hold on no longer he laid himself on his child's grave and put a bullet through his head. Man is the most inconsistent animal on earth. He is not satisfied with enough. Enough is a comfortable living and a little left at the end of the year after all expenses are paid. The man who tries to get rich seldom succeeds. The man who has the ability to gather property gets rich because he cannot help it. Few of us are built that way and we had better be willing to go slow and steady.—W. L. Camp.

Some philosopher has said that mankind is dissatisfied with life. One man struggles for justice while another flies from it. One man saves all his money to build a fine house, while another is trying to sell his at less than cost. One man spends his money trying to buy his girl flowers and candy to catch her for a wife, while another spends \$50 for an attorney to help him get a divorce. One man gets through a battle without a scratch in order to get killed in a railroad accident. Another escapes all human ills to be murdered. Another man starts on the road to heaven and winds up a country editor. This is a hot old sphere and experience in it is as checkered as a crazy quilt.—Ex.

The May number of the Jeffersonian Democrat will be entirely devoted to the life and political writings of Thomas Jefferson, especially those of his letters and papers that cover many of the political conditions that now confront us. The sketch of his political life is written by Hon. Chansey F. Black, of Pennsylvania, President of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, than whom no living American is more able to delineate the great service that Thomas Jefferson rendered to his country and to the Democracy. This is the only popular life and writings of the Father of Democracy available to the common people, the price ten cents a copy, bringing it within the reach of all. For sale on all news stands.

FARMINGTON.

Situation, Climate and Resources.

SITUATION.

A large part of San Juan county is covered by the Navajo reservation. The remainder, free to the use of the white man, consists of about 3,185 square miles—a body of land equal in extent to the states of Rhode Island and Delaware. That portion of this area north of the San Juan river forms a compact body of land extending unbroken from Rio Arriba county on the east, to the Navajo reservation on the west, and of this the town of Farmington is the geographical center.

Farmington is situated at the junction of the Animas and La Plata rivers with the Rio San Juan, and at an altitude of some 4,500 feet above sea level.

On the two points of land formed by the junction of the rivers enumerated above, there is a body of some 12,000 to 15,000 acres of fine land, all under ditch. Yet the total population of this garden spot of the world does not exceed 1,000, including all trades and professions, sexes and ages. The consensus of opinion of experienced men in this territory is in favor of small holdings of from 10 to 25 acres, as most profitable to farmers. Farmington alone then will comfortably support a population ten times as great as it now has, without the development of any other than its agricultural resources.

Men who have spent the greater part of their lives in the west declare that Farmington is the most homelike spot they have seen in all their wanderings.

CLIMATE.

The climate is unsurpassed. Its curative influence in all cases of pulmonary affection is attested by the number of robust "invalids" who tread our streets. There are not more than twenty five or thirty cloudy days in the whole year, and of these a day when the sun was wholly unseen would be regarded as remarkable. The winters are open, while during the hottest period of summer, the nights are cool and pleasant. No stronger proof of the superiority of our climate could be adduced than the fact that although Farmington, like other places, was visited by la grippe during the past winter, the disease left no trail of death behind it as elsewhere, though few, indeed, whether young, old, strong or delicate, escaped its clutches.

LIVE STOCK.

Time was when San Juan county afforded the biblical spectacle of "the cattle on a thousand hills." With the influx of settlers and agriculturists this aspect of the country has changed. But there is still plenty of good money in cattle for the experienced breeder and buyer.

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PRICE OF LAND.

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There is one branch of agricultural products for which the soil of San Juan county is pre eminently suitable. It offers grand prospects for the future, but its development must depend largely upon the advent of the "iron horse"—a consummation devoutly to be wished—and shortly to be realized. We allude to the cultivation of the Cannigre tuber, which grows wild with such great profusion in our county. In suitable soil and under proper cultivation this plant will yield twenty tons of green cannigre per acre, or 666 tons of dried. The green contains about 25 per cent tannic acid and is worth about \$10 per ton. The dried contains about 75 per cent of tannic acid and is worth about \$30 per ton. The cost of growing, harvesting, slicing, drying and packing has been estimated at about \$5 per acre thus leaving a profit of about \$195 per acre.

OTHER RESOURCES.

The entire western part of the county is one vast coal field. Banks in La Plata and San Juan valleys show veins varying from 6 to 40 feet clear hard, free burning, bituminous coal. This can be bought at the mines for 75 cents to \$1 per ton. From the limited extent of the exploration already made we are satisfied that the vicinity around Farmington is underlaid with vast wells of natural gas and therefore, presumably, coal oil.

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